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2014 Hurricane Season

Hurricane Season begins June 1 and will end November 30. The 2014 Atlantic hurricane season is expected to be a below-normal hurricane season. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicted 10 named tropical storms, five hurricanes and two major hurricanes for the Atlantic Basin this season. Of these storms, long-range forecasting teams only anticipate two storms, either tropical storms or hurricanes, will occur later in the summer and into fall.

Please review and, if necessary, update your Hurricane Preparedness Plans. The Maryland Port Administration's Hurricane Preparedness Plan can be found on its website:

<http://www.mpa.maryland.gov/media/client/eBroadcast/HurricanePreparednessPlanforMarineTerminals.pdf>

The MPA Hurricane Preparedness Plan provides guidance to the MPA and port users on activities that should be implemented in preparation for a significant weather event. It is essential that all port users and tenants have their own plans, ones that are appropriate for their businesses.

For vessel owners and/or operators, please note Section II.B.5, Safe Refuge, of the MPA Schedule 20 A. By requesting permission to remain at an MPA terminal through the submission of the ***Commercial Vessel Authorization Checklist/Survey***, the owner/operator of the vessel is acknowledging that it is subject to the MPA Schedule 20 A, Section II.B.5, Safety Refuge, and confirms the terms by which the vessel will be allowed to remain at a MPA terminal.

Any questions, please contact the Safety, Environment, & Risk Management Department (410-633-1148).